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2. JP 03-04897 - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Abstract submitted herewith.
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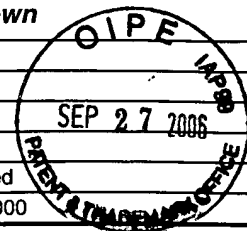
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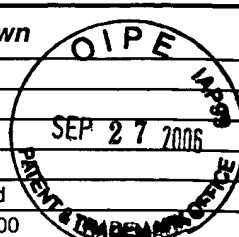


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